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2. CHILE: MORE TROUBLE AHEAD

//THE NATIONAL STRIKE LAST WEEK FAILED TO DRAW WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. BUT BOTH OPPOSITION AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE PREPARING FOR NEW PROTESTS IN JULY. THE RESPONSE TO THE STRIKE WAS LIMITED BY EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP, THE ARREST OF UNION LEADERS, TACTICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG LABOR AND POLITICAL COALITIONS, AND SHORT PREPARATION TIME. PRESIDENT PINOCHET ON MONDAY REITERATED THAT FURTHER PROTESTS WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES CLAIM ANOTHER "DAY OF NATIONAL PROTEST" IS INEVITABLE NEXT MONTH. HOWEVER, IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RESPOND TO CALLS FOR DIALOGUE //

COMMENT: //PINOCHET IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO MIX FIRM POLICIES WITH SOME CONCESSIONS IN AN EFFORT TO SPLIT OPPOSITION FORCES AND BUY TIME. HE PROBABLY HOPES THAT THE ECONOMY WILL IMPROVE AND THAT THIS WILL UNDERCUT MUCH OF THE OPPOSITION'S SUPPORT. UNLESS HE AGREES TO RESTORE SOME DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES BEFORE 1989, HOWEVER, HE IS LIKELY TO FACE A SERIES OF STRIKES AND OTHER PROTESTS. //

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